



KDVA FACT SHEET...

High School Diplomas for WWII, Korean, and Vietnam Veterans

- **WWII - House Bill 45:** More than 60 years after WWII broke out, the 2002 session of the Kentucky General Assembly passed House Bill 45 directing school districts to issue high school diplomas to veterans whose high school education was interrupted by the global conflict. Governor Patton signed the legislation into law on 2 APR 02.
- **Korean Conflict - House Bill 113:** The 2004 session of the Kentucky General Assembly passed House Bill 113 to authorize high school diplomas for veterans who left high school due to the Korean War. Governor Fletcher signed the legislation into law on 12 APR 04.
- **Vietnam War – House Bill 60:** The 2005 session of the Kentucky General Assembly passed House Bill 60, which extended high school diplomas to Vietnam Veterans. Governor Fletcher signed the legislation into law on 11 MAR 05.
- **Eligibility:** Any honorably discharged veteran who was enrolled in, but did not complete, high school prior and served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II (7 DEC 41 - 31 DEC 46), during the Korean Conflict (25 JUN 50 - 27 JUL 53) or Vietnam War (5 AUG 64 – 7 MAY 75. If serving in Vietnam prior to 5 AUG 64, the period begins 28 FEB 61)
- **To apply:** Complete the attached form and send it to KDVA along with a copy (not the original) of the veteran's discharge papers that show he/she entered the service during WWII or the Korean War. These items should be sent to: **KDVA, 1111 Louisville Road, Frankfort, KY 40601**. We will verify the service and provide written verification to the school district and the veteran. The school district will prepare and issue the diploma.
- **Questions:** Contact us via email (melissa.hall@ky.gov) or call us at **(502) 564-9203** or toll free at **(800) 572-6245** if you or someone you know has questions concerning receiving a diploma under these provisions of the law.

Request for High School Diploma for World War II, Korean, and Vietnam Veterans

Name: _____

Address verification should be sent to:

Phone Number:

Name of school veteran was attending when service interrupted education:

County in which the school is/was located:

Attach copy (not the original) of your DD Form 214/discharge papers* that clearly indicate service during the WWII or Korean War period (WWII = 7 DEC 41 – 31 DEC 46; Korean Conflict = 25 JUN 50 – 27 JUL 53; Vietnam War = 5 AUG 64 – 7 MAY 75).

*If you cannot locate your DD Form 214/discharge and you are originally from Kentucky and entered the service from Kentucky, complete the attached form and send or fax the form to Military Records and Research Branch to obtain your DD Form 214/discharge. Their address and fax number is on the form.

Send this request to KDVA. Questions concerning should be directed to:

**Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs
1111 Louisville Road
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601
Phone: (502) 564-9203
Toll free: (800) 572-6245
FAX: (502) 564-9240**

**DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
MILITARY RECORDS AND RESEARCH BRANCH
1121 LOUISVILLE ROAD
PINE HILL PLAZA
FRANKFORT, KY 40601-6169**

TELEPHONE (502) 607-6041

FAX (502) 607-6040

REQUEST FOR MILITARY RECORDS

VETERANS FULL NAME

LAST: _____ FIRST: _____ MI: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____

SERVICE NUMBER _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE _____

DATE OF ENTRY _____

DATE OF DISCHARGE _____

SIGNATURE OF VETERAN OR NEXT OF KIN IF VETERAN IS DECEASED

REQUESTED BY _____

AGENCY _____

ADDRESS _____

FAX # _____

PHONE # _____

DOCUMENTS YOU ARE REQUESTING: _____

MRRB ACTION TAKEN BY _____ **DATE** _____